

## **FISCAL NOTE**

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate  
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: March 4, 1996

SUBJECT: **SB 2501 - HB 2341**

This bill, if enacted, will:

- 1) restrict the use of revenue derived from the sale of general or combination fishing licenses as well as all matching federal funds;
- 2) require that funding for non-native game fish species programs shall be made solely from revenue derived from the sale of special supplemental licenses and available federal funds;
- 3) require that any person over 16 who fishes for striped bass/ Cherokee bass hybrid must have a valid trout supplemental license;
- 4) require that any person over 16 who fishes for trout or char in specially designated waters must have a valid trout supplemental license;
- 5) allow resident purchases of combination hunting and fishing licenses to designate on the application whether the fees should be designated solely for the fishing program or the game management program. The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) shall tabulate the results and implement its programs beginning July 1, 1996.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to be a one-time increase in expenditures to the Wildlife Fund of approximately \$165,000 for computer program development and/or a high speed scanner to implement the provisions of this act.

Enactment of this bill is also estimated to result in an increase in revenue to the Wildlife Fund of approximately \$825,000 from the sale of the new \$11 striped bass license.

In addition, the enactment of this bill is estimated to result in a decrease in federal revenues to the Wildlife Fund since the bill allows persons who purchase the combination hunting and fishing license to designate on the applications whether the fees should be designated solely for the fishing program or the game management program. This will reduce the federal funds which TWRA receives from the current amount of \$12.17 per combination license to an amount of \$5.20 for those who designate fees to fishing and \$6.97 for those who designate fees to the game management program. The amount of such decrease in federal funds to the Wildlife Fund cannot be determined but is estimated to exceed \$3,000,000.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director